#### **EXHIBIT A**

# CERTIFICATION OF SUNNI P. BEVILLE IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION

**Hearing Date**: June 12, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. AST **Objection Deadline**: April 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. AST

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

PROMESA TITLE III

No. 17-BK-03283 (LTS)

(Jointly Administered)

CERTIFICATION OF SUNNI P. BEVILLE IN SUPPORT OF
FIRST INTERIM APPLICATION OF
BROWN RUDNICK LLP, CLAIMS COUNSEL TO THE
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD, ACTING THROUGH ITS
SPECIAL CLAIMS COMMITTEE,
FOR PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT
OF EXPENSES FOR THE FIFTH INTERIM FEE PERIOD
FROM NOVEMBER 28, 2018 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2019

- I, Sunni P. Beville, hereby certify that:
- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and am admitted *pro hac vice* before this Court. I am a member of the law firm of Brown Rudnick LLP ("Brown Rudnick"), with offices located at Seven Times Square, New York, New York 10036 and One Financial Center, Boston, Massachusetts 02111. Brown Rudnick is claims counsel to the Financial Oversight and Management Board, acting through its Special Claims Committee (the "Oversight Board") as representative of the Debtors in the above-captioned title III cases pursuant

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The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (iv) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

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to section315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("<u>PROMESA</u>").<sup>2</sup> I have personal knowledge of all of the facts set forth in this certification except as expressly stated herein.

- 2. In accordance with (a) Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1 (the "Local Guidelines"), (b) Appendix B of the United States Trustee *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330*, effective as of November 1, 2013 (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"), and (c) the *Second Amended Order Setting Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* entered June 6, 2018 (the "Interim Compensation Order"), this certification is made with respect to the First Interim Application of Brown Rudnick LLP, as claims counsel to the Oversight Board, dated March 15, 2019 (the "Application"), for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the period of November 28, 2018 through and including January 31, 2019 (the "Compensation Period").
  - 3. With respect to section (a)(4) of the Local Guidelines, I certify that:
    - a. I have read the Application;
    - b. to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, the compensation and reimbursement of expenses sought conforms with the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the U.S. Trustee Guidelines and these Local Guidelines;
    - c. except to the extent that fees or disbursements are prohibited by the Local Guidelines, the compensation and reimbursement of expenses requested are billed in accordance with the Services Agreement. Brown Rudnick's hourly rate for all attorneys in these cases is \$790, and \$270 for all paralegals and other non-lawyer staff; and
    - d. in providing a reimbursable service, Brown Rudnick does not make a profit on that service, whether the service is performed by Brown Rudnick inhouse or through a third party.

PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

<sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Application.

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Dated: March 15, 2019 Boston, Massachusetts

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sunni P. Beville

Sunni P. Beville (admitted *pro hac vice*)

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